

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	Frederic P. Field et al.
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RESPONSE

This paper is submitted in response to an Office Action of 8/13/2003.

Please amend the application as follows: